

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims in the Application. With reference to the listing it is noted that, herewith, claims 1, 2, 17, 32, 33, 35-37, and 39-62 are amended. No new matter has been added.

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for presenting information to a user~~, comprising:

examining, at an apparatus in order to make a determination with respect to a user of the apparatus, one or more messages received from a first node to be passed through to a second node;

providing, at the apparatus to said user, in accordance with one or more specified criteria, a non-moving display of one or more notifications corresponding to one or more events known by a ~~node of said user~~ the apparatus, wherein each of said notifications describes one or more of said events, wherein the notifications had previously been moving while a user interface of said ~~node apparatus~~ displayed a screensaver, and wherein said events correspond to one or more of the messages received from [[a]] the first node to be passed through to [[a]] the second node; and

enabling, at the apparatus, said user to select, via the non-moving display, one or more of the notifications for activating corresponding operations.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said one or more of said events relate to software accessible by said ~~node apparatus~~.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of said messages correspond to one or more entities.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of said messages correspond to chat.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein two or more of said notifications are displayed simultaneously to said user.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of said notifications are textual notifications.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of said notifications are graphical notifications.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said criteria are provided by said user.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said criteria are provided by a system administrator.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of said criteria are metadata.
13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said notifications scroll.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein scrolling is three-dimensional.
15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein software corresponding to a selected notification is activated.
16. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising providing a tactile indication to said user.
17. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for notifying a user in a peer-to-peer environment,~~ comprising:
- maintaining, at an apparatus, a number of authenticated connections to at least a first node and a second node, wherein the first node and the second node are nodes in a one or more nodes in said peer-to-peer environment;
- receiving, at the apparatus from a first of said nodes the first node, via one or more of said authenticated connections, one or more messages to be passed through to a second of said nodes the second node; and
- examining, at the apparatus in order to make a determination with respect to a user of the apparatus, one or more of the messages to be passed through to the second node; and
- providing, at the apparatus, to said user a non-moving display of one or more

notifications corresponding to one or more of said messages to be passed through wherein content of each of the messages to be passed through to which said notifications correspond matches one or more specified criteria, wherein each of said notifications describes one or more of said messages to which said notifications correspond, and wherein the notifications had previously been moving while a user interface of said ~~node~~ apparatus displayed a screensaver, wherein maintaining and receiving were performed while the user interface of said ~~node~~ apparatus displayed the screensaver.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein one or more of the received messages to be passed through correspond to one or more entities.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, wherein one or more of the received messages to be passed through correspond to chat.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein two or more of said notifications are displayed simultaneously to said user.

21. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein displaying is via a screensaver.

22. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein one or more of said notifications are textual notifications.

23. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein one or more of said notifications are graphical

notifications.

24. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said criteria are provided by said user.

25. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said criteria are provided by a system administrator.

26. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein one or more of said criteria are metadata.

27. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said notifications scroll.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, wherein scrolling is three-dimensional.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising:

enabling said user to select, via the non-moving display, one or more of the notifications for activating corresponding operations.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein software corresponding to a selected notification is activated.

31. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising providing a tactile indication to said user.

32. (Currently Amended) ~~A system for presenting information to a user~~ An apparatus, comprising:

a memory having program code stored therein; and

a processor operatively connected to said memory for carrying out instructions in accordance with said stored program code;

wherein said program code, when executed by said processor, causes said processor to perform:

examining, in order to make a determination with respect to a user of the apparatus, one or more messages received from a first node to be passed through to a second node;

providing to said user, in accordance with one or more specified criteria, a non-moving display of one or more notifications corresponding to one or more events known by ~~a node of said user~~ the apparatus, wherein each of said notifications describes one or more of said events, wherein the notifications had previously been moving while a user interface of said ~~node~~ apparatus displayed a screensaver, and wherein said events correspond to one or more of the messages received from ~~[[a]]~~ the first node to be passed through to ~~[[a]]~~ the second node; and

enabling said user to select, via the non-moving display, one or more of the notifications for activating corresponding operations.

33. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 32, wherein said one or more of said events relate to software accessible by said ~~node~~ apparatus.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 32, wherein one or more of said messages correspond to one or more entities.

36. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 32, wherein one or more of said messages correspond to chat.

37. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 32, wherein two or more of said notifications are displayed simultaneously to said user.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 32, wherein one or more of said notifications are textual notifications.

40. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 32, wherein one or more of said notifications are graphical notifications.

41. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 32, wherein said criteria are provided by said user.

42. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 32, wherein said criteria are provided by a system administrator.

43. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 32, wherein one or more of said criteria are metadata.

44. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 32, wherein said notifications scroll.

45. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 44, wherein scrolling is three-dimensional.

46. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 32, wherein software corresponding to a selected notification is activated.

47. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 32, wherein said processor further performs providing a tactile indication to said user.

48. (Currently Amended) ~~A system for notifying a user in a peer-to-peer environment~~ An apparatus, comprising:

a memory having program code stored therein; and

a processor operatively connected to said memory for carrying out instructions in accordance with said stored program code;

wherein said program code, when executed by said processor, causes said processor to perform:

maintaining a number of authenticated connections to at least a first node and a second node, wherein the first node and the second node are nodes in a one or more nodes in said peer-



to-peer environment;

receiving from ~~a first of said nodes~~ the first node, via one or more of said authenticated connections, one or more messages to be passed through to ~~a second of said nodes~~ the second node; and

examining, in order to make a determination with respect to a user of the apparatus, one or more of the messages to be passed through to the second node; and

providing to said user a non-moving display of one or more notifications corresponding to one or more of said messages to be passed through wherein content of each of the messages to be passed through to which said notifications correspond matches one or more specified criteria, wherein each of said notifications describes one or more of said messages to which said notifications correspond, and wherein the notifications had previously been moving while a user interface of said ~~node~~ apparatus displayed a screensaver,

wherein maintaining and receiving were performed while the user interface of said ~~node~~ apparatus displayed the screensaver.

49. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 48, wherein one or more of the received messages to be passed through correspond to one or more entities.

50. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 48, wherein one or more of the received messages to be passed through correspond to chat.

51. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 48, wherein two or more of said notifications are displayed simultaneously to said user.

52. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 48, wherein displaying is via a screensaver.

53. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 48, wherein one or more of said notifications are textual notifications.

54. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 48, wherein one or more of said notifications are graphical notifications.

55. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 48, wherein said criteria are provided by said user.

56. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 48, wherein said criteria are provided by a system administrator.

57. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 48, wherein one or more of said criteria are metadata.

58. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 48, wherein said notifications scroll.

59. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 58, wherein scrolling is three-dimensional.

60. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 48, wherein said processor further performs:

enabling said user to select, via the non-moving display, one or more of the notifications for activating corresponding operations.

61. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 60, wherein software corresponding to a selected notification is activated.

62. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ apparatus of claim 48, wherein said processor further performs providing a tactile indication to said user.